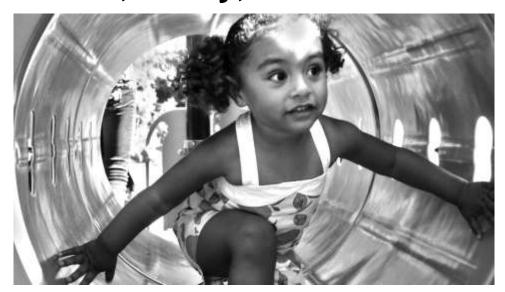


Early Childhood Endorsement II - Health, Safety, Nutrition Series



Early Childhood Endorsement Program (ECEP)

To meet the need for a highly qualified early childhood workforce, the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) has established the Early Childhood Endorsement Program (ECEP). This program is designed to provide a comprehensive foundation of knowledge for working with children of specific ages (infants and toddlers or preschool). The ECEP is a collaboration between the VDSS, the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), and the Community College Workforce Alliance (CCWA).

The VDSS Early Childhood Endorsement Program offers four endorsements:

- 1. Infant/Toddler Endorsement
- 2. Preschool Endorsement
- 3. Early Childhood Endorsement I Creativity Series (ECEI)
- 4. Early Childhood Endorsement II Health, Safety, Nutrition Series (ECEII)

VDSS Early Childhood Endorsements can be valuable as:

- ✓ Entry-level credentials for employment in the field of early childhood.
- ✓ Demonstration of foundation of knowledge working with infants and toddlers/preschool children
- ✓ Supplements to a child-related degree or credential that does not include instruction on infants and toddlers/preschool children
- ✓ Supplements to a degree or credential outside the field of early childhood

Successful completion of courses can also fulfill requirements for teaching licensure renewal, annual licensing, training for the **Child Development Associate (CDA)** credential, and professional development for those participating in Virginia Quality.

Participants have two options by which to achieve an Early Childhood Endorsement II - Health, Safety, Nutrition Series:

OPTION 1 - VDSS SPONSORED COURSES

The Early Childhood Endorsement II requires completion of the following 12 classroom-based or online courses. Successful completion of each course provides 4 clock hours of training credit. The courses can be taken in any sequence.

- Chronic Health Conditions in Early Childhood
- Controlling Communicable Illness in the Early Childhood Classroom
- Creative, Healthy Cooking with Young Children
- Developing Healthy Habits in Young Children
- Ethics for Early Childhood Professionals
- Food Safety in the Child Care Environment
- Health Makes a Difference in Early Childhood
- Making Meal Times Fun in the Early Childhood Classroom
- Management of Injuries and Acute Illness in Early Childhood
- Nutritional Guidelines in Early Childhood
- Safety in a Quality Early Childhood Environment
- Teaching Young Children about Health, Safety and Nutrition

To achieve the Early Childhood Endorsement II - Health, Safety, Nutrition Series:

- Register to take component courses (see list above)
 To register go to: <u>www.ccwa.vccs.edu</u> (click on VDSS Child Care Training) or contact the Community College Workforce Alliance at (804) 523-2298 or <u>VDSSclasses@ccwa.vccs.edu</u>.
- 2. Complete all required courses
- 3. Complete course assessments within 4 to 6 weeks of completing the online course
 - Part I is online, through CCWA, and is multiple choice/true-false. Participants <u>must</u> receive a passing score of 70% or higher on all courses.
 - Part II is an independent study demonstrating application of content in a classroom setting
- 4. **Submit** the following materials to CCAVA:
 - ✓ Letter grade for Part I (a print out of your score, that includes your name clearly stated)
 - ✓ Completed written assessment for Part II (for grading)
 - ✓ Early Childhood Endorsement II Health, Safety, Nutrition Series Application Form
 - √ \$10.00 processing fee for each course submitted for grading, check or money order payable to CCAVA, or through PAYPAL. Fees due with forms and assessment materials.

Make a copy of ALL materials for your own records BEFORE submitting to CCAVA

✓ Mail all materials to:

CCAVA - Endorsement Program 302 Turner Road, Suite D Richmond, VA 23225

OPTION 2 - COLLEGE CREDIT COURSE

Upon successful completion of EDU 235, Health, Safety and Nutrition Education, individuals become eligible for the VDSS Endorsement II - Health, Safety, Nutrition Series.

To apply for the Early Childhood Endorsement II - Health, Safety, Nutrition Series:

- 1. **Complete** EDU 235, Health, Safety and Nutrition Education. You must receive a passing grade to qualify for the endorsement.
- 2. **Complete** Early Childhood Endorsement II Health, Safety, Nutrition Series Application Form
- 3. Submit materials to CCAVA:
 - ✓ Early Childhood Endorsement II Health, Safety, Nutrition Series Application Form
 - ✓ A copy of your college transcript indicating completion of the course or a Letter of Completion from your instructor.
 - √ \$10.00 processing fee, check or money order <u>payable to CCAVA</u>, or through <u>PAYPAL</u>

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Early Childhood Endorsement II Health, Safety, Nutrition Series APPLICATION FORM



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